Robert E. Drake, M.D., Ph.D.



Vice President Westat

Dr. Robert Drake is a vice president of the Westat Corporation. He is also a Professor (retired) of The Dartmouth Institute on Health Policy and Clinical Practice at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He formerly directed the Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center. Dr. Drake has studied psychiatric rehabilitation for nearly 40 years. He is recognized internationally for his many contributions to transforming services toward greater alignment with client goals and the recovery process.

He is co-developer of the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment. The IPS model is one of the most successful and influential evidence-based practices in psychiatric rehabilitation. Dr. Drake has devoted his career to conceiving and executing evidence-based practices. These include IPS, integrated dual disorders treatment and many other models. He has directed many randomized controlled trials. He has reviewed psychiatric rehabilitation literature and has published more than 20 books and 600 research articles.

Dr. Drake graduated from Duke University.

Gary Bond, Ph.D.



Senior Study Director Westat

Dr. Gary Bond, Senior Study Director at Westat, is a mental health services researcher. His career includes over three decades as professor of psychology and psychiatry at three universities. His research centers on the dynamics of evidence-based services for adults with serious mental illness. The Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment is one of these services. Dr. Bond also investigates factors influencing the success of evidence-based practices. He also pioneered and studies the development and validation of fidelity scales to measure implementation.

His work includes numerous IPS studies. These include randomized controlled trials, evaluations of conversions of day treatment services to IPS, and implementation studies. He has served as principal investigator or co-investigator on more than 80 grants and contracts. Dr. Bond's publications include 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals and 17 books and manuals. His reviews of the IPS literature are among the most widely-cited papers on supported employment.

Tami D. Benton, M.D., FAACAP, FAAP



Psychiatrist-in-Chief Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

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Tami Benton is the Frederick H. Allen Professor of Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She is the Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Chair of Psychiatry at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP); Executive Director of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; and Chief of the Division of Child Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. Also, she is a member of the National Institute of Mental Health Advisory Council and Director for the Lifespan Brain Institute. Dr. Benton currently serves as the director of the Child and Adolescent Mood Program and the Suicide Center at CHOP. She is trained in pediatrics, adult psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine (medicine and mental health across the lifespan).

Dr. Benton educates and mentors physicians, fellows and postdoctoral trainees. Many of these are minority scholars. She has received funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as private foundation funding and clinical trials support. Currently, her research and clinical practice are focused on depression and suicide among children and adolescents. She also studies the interface between physical and mental health. Her work increasingly focuses upon developing the next generation of physician leaders in pediatric healthcare and mental health. She aims to create partnerships between communities and academic centers to expand access to evidence-based care.

Calliope Holingue, MPH, Ph.D.



Postdoctoral Research Fellow Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Calliope Holingue is a postdoctoral research fellow at Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH).

Trained as a psychiatric epidemiologist, her research has several focuses. She works to elucidate the complex interplay between physical and mental health among individuals with neuropsychiatric disorders. She also studies the roles of gut-related and immune-related variables in the etiology of neuropsychiatric disorders.

Since March 2020, she has helped lead a working group at JHSPH focused on studying the mental health implications of the COVD-19 pandemic. More information about this group and their findings can be found here: Mental Health and Covid-19

Outside of her academic research, she is also a mental health advocate and is committed to reducing the stigma associated with mental illness. Through her work, she promotes inclusion and equity in the communities she works and resides in.

She received her BA in molecular cell biology and public health and her MPH in epidemiology/biostatistics from UC Berkeley. She earned her Ph.D. in mental health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Rose Perry, Ph.D.



Founder and Executive Director Social Creatures

Dr. Rose Perry is executive director and applied research scientist at the nonprofit organization called Social Creatures. She established this nonprofit in 2020 in response to COVID-19 and the social challenges it has raised. Social Creatures bridges science education, advocacy, and innovation to ensure that anyone can socially connect with others, no matter their circumstances.

Through her work at Social Creatures, Dr. Perry and her team have translated social neuroscience research findings to real-world settings for the creation of evidence-based programs enabling social connection. This work is meant to improve the quality of life for children and families, as well as individuals living with spinal cord injuries and other chronic health conditions. She has also served as a consultant for several nonprofit and for-profit social impact organizations (e.g., Sesame Street in Communities, NABU, Studio Elsewhere, and Brooklyn Nets). In this role she has translated social neuroscience research findings and methodology to applied childcare, healthcare, and high-performance settings.

After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Delaware, she earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience & Physiology from New York University School of Medicine. Following this, she was a research fellow at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development at New York University.

Emily A. Troyer, M.D.



General and Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist University of California San Diego Department of Psychiatry Hong Laboratory

Dr. Troyer is a post-doctoral research fellow in the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Department of Psychiatry's Fellowship in Biological Psychiatry and Neuroscience. Her research focuses on examining neuroimaging and host immune and gut microbiome correlates in pediatric-onset obsessive-compulsive disorder. For this work in childhood OCD, she has been awarded funding through the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

At the Hong Laboratory, Dr. Troyer is also involved in projects related to immune and endocrine mechanisms underlying neuropsychiatric symptomatology in the context of medical comorbidities such as obesity and hypertension in aging adults. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Troyer and her colleagues have been investigating potential neuropsychiatric sequelae of exposure to the novel COVID-19.

Dr. Emily Troyer is a board-certified general and child & adolescent psychiatrist. She is also a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). She completed residency training in general psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she served as chief resident. She completed child & adolescent psychiatry fellowship training at UCSD, where she also served as a chief fellow.